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Proposition 5 will increase crime.

Dumping 45,000 criminals out of our prisons and into our communities through early release and shortened parole will not “save” money in the prison system – but it *will* increase crime.

Why? Because according to official studies, those who “graduate” from Prop 5-style programs in California actually commit new crimes at a *higher* rate than other released felons.

These aren’t harmless “non-violent” criminals; they are felons who will be back in our neighborhoods -- early and unsupervised – and victimizing our families again.

Proposition 5 doesn’t help our youth.

In fact, it puts them at much greater risk by increasing the number of drug dealers returning to our communities every year.

Proposition 5 will massively increase costs to taxpayers.

This program will cost \$1 billion yearly with built-in increases. In a budget crisis, we cannot afford to risk funding schools and other vital services to pay for two huge new bureaucracies and programs that are proven failures.

Proposition 5 will also increase costs to local taxpayers, triggering severe financial consequences and tax increases for many cash-strapped counties. More than 20 counties would have to build new jails, since

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they are already at capacity, yet proponents completely ignore the billions in new spending and taxes which Proposition 5 could impose on local taxpayers.

Proposition 5 isn't real reform, it's an expensive sham designed to let criminals go free sooner, with less supervision.

Vote "No" on early parole. Vote "No" on Proposition 5.

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